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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 684**

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**Introduced by Senator Alquist**

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An act to add Section 51221.1 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 684, as amended, Alquist. Social sciences curriculum.

Existing law requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including, among others, social sciences.

This bill would encourage a school district to provide instruction in social sciences that accurately reflects the role of affected populations of *the continent of Asia* ~~in~~ *the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific Islands in the many historical events leading up to and during World War II.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*  
2     *following:*

3     *(a) There were many historical events leading up to and*  
4     *during World War II that affected populations throughout the*  
5     *continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific*  
6     *Islands.*

7     *(b) It is important to recognize that the affected populations in*  
8     *the continent of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, the Pacific*  
9     *Islands, and elsewhere should be included in the discussion of*  
10    *the issues and events leading up to and during World War II.*

11    *(c) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature in enacting this*  
12    *act that California's pupils receive instruction on the many*  
13    *events and actions that affected the populations in the continent*  
14    *of Asia, the subcontinent of South Asia, and the Pacific Islands*  
15    *leading up to and during World War II. It is not the intent of the*  
16    *Legislature in enacting this act that schools offering such*  
17    *instruction focus on any particular event or on any particular*  
18    *interpretation of an event.*

19    ~~SECTION 1.~~

20    *SEC. 2. Section 51221.1 is added to the Education Code, to*  
21    *read:*

22    51221.1. The Legislature encourages instruction in the area of  
23    social sciences to accurately reflect the role of affected  
24    populations in the continent of Asia, ~~and the subcontinent of~~  
25    South Asia in ~~World War II and~~, *and the Pacific Islands in the*  
26    *many historical events leading up to and during World War II.*